



**Blackburn  
with Darwen**

**ageUK**

# **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025*

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity, present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The principal activity of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen is the promotion of the wellbeing of older people in any manner which is now or hereafter may be deemed charitable by law, in and around the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen.

The principal activity of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen Trading Ltd was the earning of commission from arranging insurance. The company is currently dormant.

2024/25 was again a busy and challenging year with our services supporting more older people who are experiencing increasing multiple challenges with physical and mental health and increasing numbers living with long term conditions including dementia, along with those struggling with the cost of living challenges. We have seen further increased demand for the Advice and Information service and all services are also supporting more people with complex issues, so whilst maintaining our core service offer we have also continued to develop new offers in response to what older people have told us they need with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing support. We have also continued to explore how digital technology can support us to deliver services and make best use of our resources, whilst still retaining that all important face to face and person-centred approach we know so many older people need and appreciate.

We are working in ever increasing financially challenging times with income levels from all sources under significant pressure and increases in expenditure resulting from changing national policy and therefore beyond our control. We are grateful for the support from our funders, donors and supporters who continue to provide vital resources to enable us to support more local older people, and we also seek to continue to diversify and expand our income generation activities to support organisational sustainability, including through new charged for service offers.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

In the year to 31 March 2025 the charity reported a deficit of £49,837 from an income of £1,058,886. This was made up of a surplus of £14,656 on restricted funds and a deficit of £64,493 on unrestricted funds (income received or generated and available for general use). The deficit on unrestricted funds is made up of funds which have been used to support our unfunded core costs.

The appendices on pages 44 and 45 also show the charity's income and expenditure for the 2024/2025 financial year together with the 2023/2024 comparative figures. Whilst these appendices do not form part of the accounts the Trustees feel that the inclusion of this information provides readers with a clearer financial picture.

47% of the organisation's annual income came from contract income through service contracts with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, the NHS and national Age UK through the Warm Homes programme. This is a decrease of 6% on the previous year.

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34% of the organisation's annual income came from grants from a variety of sources, which is an increase of 7% on the previous year.

19% of our annual income came from a combination of income from services, fundraising activities including charity shop sales, donations and legacies, investment income and other sundry income, which is a small 1% decrease on the previous year. During the financial year the organisation received a total of £59,860 from donations and legacies. This income was made up of unrestricted donations amounting to £38,364 and £21,496 in restricted donations of which £20,717 represented the value of donated facilities and equipment. Income from investments fluctuated during the year due to wider economic influences however remains steady. Income from these sources supported the provision of the charity's essential core functions.

Overall expenditure decreased compared to 2023/24. Expenditure on wages and salaries was reduced due to a reduction in headcount and expenditure across printing and stationery, postage, and service supplies all decreased due to changes in specific project delivery. Telephone costs reduced as a result of changing provider. The increase in fees to voluntary organisations relates to delivery of a pilot Falls Prevention project with payments made to partners for their contributions to the programme.

### **Investment Policy**

The charity's investment policy supports a mixed investment portfolio in order to maximise the organisation's assets, which includes investments in short or medium term low risk, easily redeemable investments in the form of bank deposits and investment of some funds into longer term, higher yielding funds.

### **Reserves Policy**

This sets out Age UK Blackburn with Darwen's policy and process around setting and maintaining a financial reserve to support the charity to meet its objects.

### **Context and rationale**

The funding environment for local charities is challenging and has been further exacerbated by increased costs resulting from national policy along with challenges to all income sources resulting from the wider economic circumstances resulting in significant uncertainty about income levels and reduced opportunities to manage costs. Challenges with the level of public sector funds and changes to commissioning models along with increased competition for grant funding mean external funding remains uncertain; and income levels from service and shop takings and fundraising activity are all under pressure from ongoing cost of living challenges and wider economic situation. As such, it is likely that some reserves will need to be utilised to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of older people locally during 2025/26 and the trustees have designated funds to support business continuity.

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### Policy

Based on this context and rationale the Trustees of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen have agreed the following Reserves Policy:

- that either 6 months unrestricted running costs or 3 months running costs plus the cost of all liabilities, whichever is the greater, will be maintained as reserves. This is to allow the organisation to either wind up properly or restructure and secure additional funding, whichever is the most appropriate course of action at the time

Any additional reserves may be utilised for:

- business continuity and development and to maintain essential core functions and services
- Designated purposes to be decided on a case by case basis by the Trustees

This policy is reviewed annually alongside the organisation's business planning, budget setting and risk assessment processes.

### Reserves & Financial Position

Total reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 amounted to £521,503 including restricted and designated funds. At that date the organisation held unrestricted, undesignated funds of £316,835 this figure includes fixed assets of £11,197

Designated funds at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 amounted to £168,264. These funds are designated for business continuity and development and to maintain essential core functions and services together with the upgrade of IT equipment and will potentially be spent over the next three years.

The balance on unrestricted, undesignated funds reflects the organisation's Reserves Policy to maintain sufficient funds to either wind up properly or restructure and secure additional funding, whichever is the most appropriate course of action at the time. A significant proportion of the organisation's current unrestricted assets are the result of selling a building and as such the Trustees are aware that once spent these assets will not be replenished. The Trustees reviewed the Reserves Policy in May 2025 and it was decided that no changes were needed.

Restricted funds at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 amounted £36,404. Details on the movement on restricted funds can be found in the notes to the accounts.

Based on the organisation's level of cash reserves and activity being undertaken to secure income from grants and contracts along with the additional grant income already secured in 2025/26 we consider the organisation will remain a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the signing of the financial statements.

### Related Party Transactions

The charity holds 50% of the issued share capital of Age UK Greater Lancashire CIC, a company registered in England and Wales. Its principal activity is the delivery of contracts and services

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across the whole of the county of Lancashire. The charity did not receive any income in 2024/25 as there was no delivery activity in the period (2024: nil)

There were donations, including gift aid, made by Trustees of £100 (2024: £129)

During the reporting period, the Care Network (Blackburn with Darwen) Ltd received funding amounting to £25,460 from Age UK Blackburn with Darwen in support of the Darwen Falls project. Vicky Shepherd, the Chief Executive of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen also serves as a trustee Care Network (Blackburn with Darwen) Ltd.

### Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees are extremely conscious that we continue to operate in uncertain and challenging times, and that the organisation is starting the 2025/26 financial year with a deficit budget. However, the organisation has a full business plan in place which it intends to deliver against. This includes plans to reduce this deficit.

The organisation's key priorities within this plan for the coming year are:

- Developing and delivering quality, flexible, person-centred services to continue to meet the needs of older people, including increasing our reach across all communities in the borough and ensuring our services are accessible to those who need them most.
- Securing additional funding from a range of sources, particularly increased service income and grant funding, to maintain and develop our service offer and to support sustainable service models
- Developing a robust business case to maximise our chance of successfully securing funding for our health and wellbeing services through the forthcoming tender process
- Continued income diversification
- Continued development of our workforce, both paid and voluntary to meet current and future needs, and a focus on workforce wellbeing, recruitment and retention

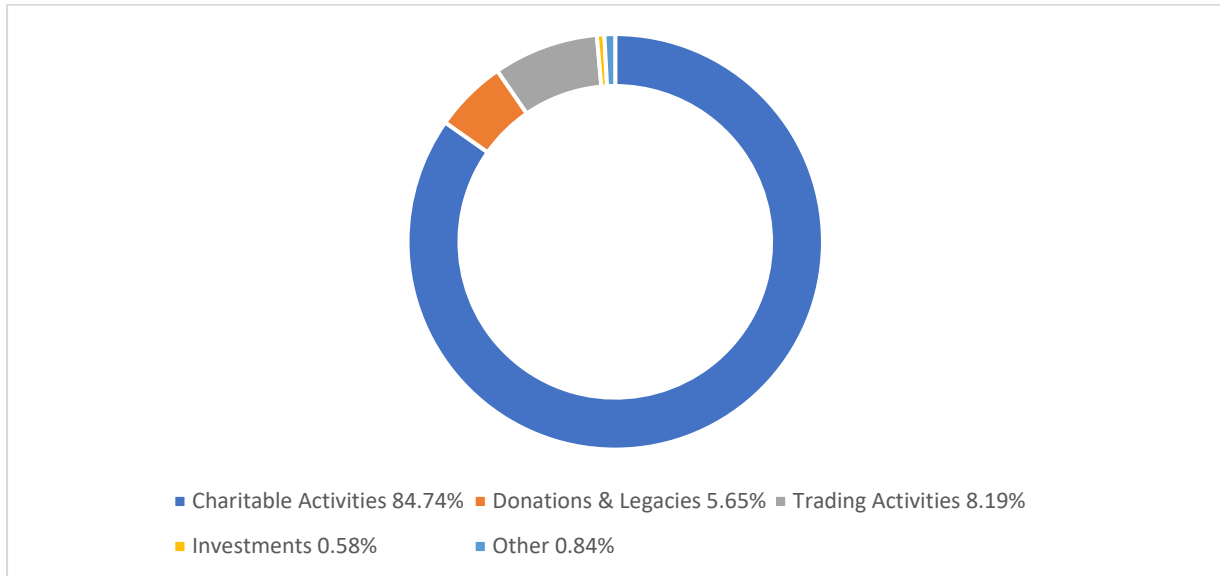
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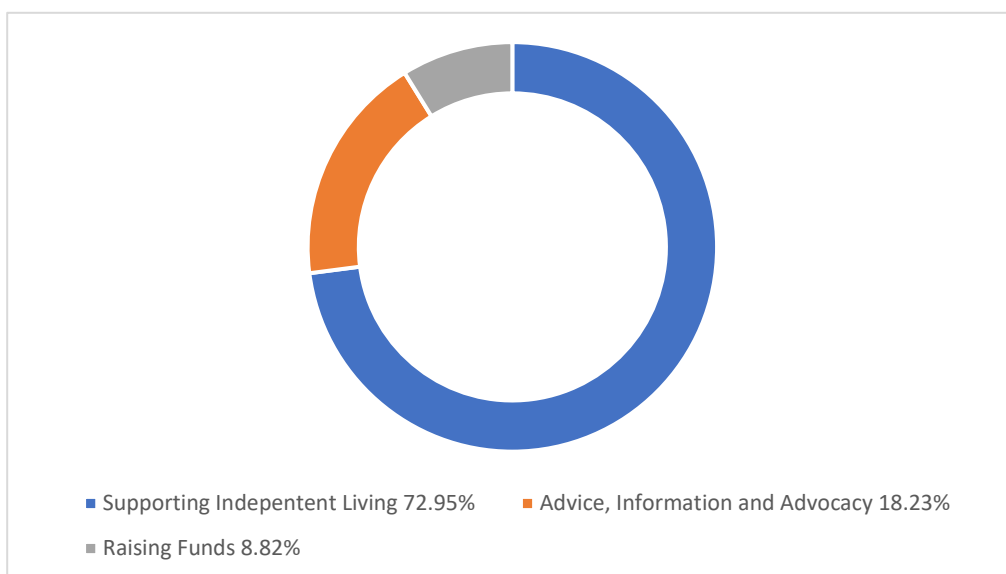
Where our income came from:

Total Income: £1,058,886



How we spent our income:

Total Expenditure: £1,108,723



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### Our Approach to Fundraising

The charity has a fundraising strategy framework in place which has been agreed by the Board of Trustees. This framework applies to all fundraising activities that the charity undertakes and any relationships/partnerships that the charity works with and who fundraise for us. Fundraising covers all of the income generation activities undertaken by the charity including individual donations but excluding non-charitable trading, shops, contracts for services and service income. Fundraising activity includes receiving donations from trusts, companies, educational establishments and individuals and a range of community fundraising such as store collections, street collections, raffles, sponsored events and other events. We do not currently fundraise by telephone, by cold mailing or by signing people up as donors on the street.

In line with Charity Commission guidance we have the following practices in place:

**Planning** - the charity prepares an annual fundraising income plan and organisational risk register for sign off by the Board of Trustees. The Income Plan includes the activities to be undertaken in that year, expected costs and projected income and the risk register includes any potential income, reputational or other risks in relation to fundraising activities along with mitigating controls. Both are monitored by management and trustees on at least a bi-annual basis.

**Delivery** - all fundraisers receive an appropriate induction which will include role specific guidance on the Fundraising Regulator's code of practice in fundraising, and the Institute of Fundraising Guidance. All volunteer fundraisers are supported by a member of paid staff. In addition, to ensure we protect vulnerable people we have a range of other policies in place including Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults policy and procedures, vulnerable donors guidance and financial procedures which all fundraisers receive and must adhere to.

The requirements and expectations of all donors will be respected including those who wish to remain anonymous and those who wish to restrict their donation to a particular project or service. All data collected in relation to fundraising activities and donors will be processed in line with current data protection legislation and our Privacy Notices.

**Finance** - comprehensive financial information and reports are kept of all fundraising activities and presented to trustees at least quarterly. Restricted donations are used for the purpose specified and identified in the accounts, in line with SORP requirements. All events are fully costed and risked assessed by the charity senior management team prior to agreement to go ahead and implementation.

**Corporate Partners** – the charity does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participator arrangements. It does however, from time to time enter into partnerships with businesses who will fundraise for us, for example 'Charity of the Year' partnerships. Prior to entering into any such arrangements the charity will assess the relationship through a due diligence risk checklist which will assess reputational risk, expected value, benefits and



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financial integrity. Decisions about proceeding with higher scoring partners will be made by trustees.

Regulation - the charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and its operations, staff and volunteers are bound by the code of fundraising practice and other regulations. In addition, all national and local licensing/permission procedures are obtained prior to any fundraising activity taking place.

During 2024/25 we received no complaints with regard to fundraising activity.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, which is an annual process.

### **Governance and Internal Control**

The Board of Directors of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen (who are also Trustees of the charity) is the body responsible for the governance of the organisation. The organisation is governed by Articles of Association and also follows the Charity Governance Code to ensure that it is meeting best practice. The Board is made up of at least five members. The Chief Executive acts as Secretary to the organisation. The list of Directors/Trustees can be found on page 8 of this report.

Elections for Board members take place at the Annual General Meeting at least once every three years. All Board members are eligible for re-election. Nominations to the Board of Trustees may be made by the Board itself or the organisation may also seek to recruit Trustees by word of mouth or through advertisements.

The Board meets not less than six times per year and receives reports at each meeting from the Chief Executive and Finance Manager, along with a schedule of reports from all areas of the organisation presented by the relevant manager. The senior management team can advise and make recommendations but cannot vote on decisions of the Board.

All new Trustees receive an induction which is tailored to the specific needs of the individual and includes a copy of the organisation's Business Plan, a full set of organisational Policies and Procedures and any relevant past Board papers. Relevant on-going training, including safeguarding training, is available to all Trustees.

### **Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of internal controls in place across the organisation. The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. Internal control processes include:

- Regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variances from budgets, forecasts and performance indicators
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risk

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- Written financial procedures which are subject to regular review.
  - Both planned and unannounced checks
  - Annual discussion between the Trustees and auditor without management being present
  - External review of financial controls every 3 years and which is next planned for Autumn 2025
  - The commissioning of external financial oversight on behalf of the Trustees

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have responsibility for a managed approach to risk management and have a Risk Management Policy in place. The organisation's risk register is based on Charity Commission guidance, considering likelihood of occurrence, potential impact and the controls in place to mitigate risk, together with the need for further action where necessary. The current risk register reflects that the primary risks facing the organisation which need to be managed are financial; staff retention and the loss of key personnel; recruitment of both paid and voluntary personnel; the changing commissioning landscape; and increased demand for services both in volume and complexity. In terms of financial risk the current primary risks are associated with increases in employment costs, the re-tendering of the health and wellbeing contract and uncertainty around other income sources including grants, service income, donations and fundraising. In the longer term the organisation is operating in an environment where local contract levels and opportunities are reducing and the need to diversify income sources is paramount, and a key part of organisational strategy. A funding action plan is in place and this, along with the regular Quality & Risk planning meetings, form part of the approach to risk management. The risk register is reviewed by management at least quarterly and by the trustees at least every six months or in response to a significant change or event.

#### **Key Management Personnel**

Key personnel are those responsible for making key strategic decisions or influencing those decisions. The Directors consider that the Board of Directors, who are also the charity's Trustees, and the Chief Executive comprise the key management personnel of the charity. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year.

The pay of the key management personnel is reviewed annually by the Board prior to agreeing the new year budget and taking into account the local context and organisation's strategy and business plan. In 2024/25 the total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £55,623 (2024: £55,623) along with employer pension contributions £4,625 (2024: £4,625).

#### **Officers and Directors/Trustees of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen 2024/25**

Chairman	Anthony Hedley
Vice Chairman	Faith Marriott (Resigned 13th November 2024)
Honorary Financial Advisor	Vacant
Trustees	Sophie Bell-Gray
	Fran Breckell
	Helen Daley

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Yvonne Hulse  
Faizal Patel  
Christopher Porter

### Senior Management Team

Chief Executive:	Vicky Shepherd
Head of Business Development:	Elaine Jennings
Head of Prevention & Wellbeing:	Sharon Lucas
Finance Manager:	Tina Wilson

### Auditors

A proposal regarding the appointment of auditors of the charity will be considered at the annual general meeting.

### Trustees Annual Review

The directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are to be read along with the organisation's Annual Review and Impact Report which has been prepared in a separate document and presents a detailed review of activities undertaken in the year, along with other information.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to;

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from the legislation in other jurisdictions.

### **Statement of disclosure to auditors**

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board



**Anthony Hedley**  
**Trustee**

3rd September 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF AGE UK  
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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for company law purposes, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained during the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 10-11, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures can detect irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.



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**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

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**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities,  
including fraud (continued)**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Rotherham Taylor Limited, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
21 Navigation Business Village  
Navigation Way  
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30th September 2025

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>					
<i>Donations &amp; legacies</i>	2	38,364	21,496	59,860	36,742
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
Shop income		73,070	-	73,070	71,517
Fundraising activities		13,631	-	13,631	12,168
<i>Income from investments</i>		6,125	-	6,125	23,639
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Supporting Independent Living	3	596,471	143,961	740,432	735,001
Advice, Information & Advocacy	4	44,020	112,892	156,912	171,446
<i>Other income</i>					
Other income		8,856	-	8,856	14,543
<b>Total income</b>		<b>780,537</b>	<b>278,349</b>	<b>1,058,886</b>	<b>1,065,056</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
<i>Raising funds</i>	7				
Shop operating costs		84,505	-	84,505	92,410
Fundraising		13,333	-	13,333	12,628
<i>Charitable activities</i>	6				
Supporting Independent Living		674,120	134,654	808,774	828,901
Advice, Information & Advocacy		73,072	129,039	202,111	203,639
Influencing Policy & Practice		-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>845,030</b>	<b>263,693</b>	<b>1,108,723</b>	<b>1,137,578</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	9a	<b>(64,493)</b>	<b>14,656</b>	<b>(49,837)</b>	<b>(71,612)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16,17	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(64,493)</b>	<b>14,656</b>	<b>(49,837)</b>	<b>(71,612)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	16,17	549,592	21,748	571,340	642,952
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	16,17	<b>485,099</b>	<b>36,404</b>	<b>521,503</b>	<b>571,340</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 21 to 41 form part of these accounts

# AGE UK BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	10	11,197	13,399
Investments	11	8	8
		<u>11,205</u>	<u>13,407</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	12	772	684
Debtors	13	105,582	108,962
Cash at bank and in hand		489,737	618,384
		<u>596,091</u>	<u>728,030</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(85,793)	(170,097)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>510,298</u>	<u>557,933</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>521,503</u></u>	<u><u>571,340</u></u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds			
- General funds	16	316,835	385,019
- Designated funds	16	168,264	164,573
		<u>485,099</u>	<u>549,592</u>
Restricted funds	17	36,404	21,748
		<u><u>521,503</u></u>	<u><u>571,340</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 3rd September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



A Hedley  
Chairman  
Company Number 7728630

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# AGE UK BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Charity 2025 £	Charity 2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash used by operating activities	24	<u>(128,483)</u>	<u>(79,664)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest income		6,125	23,639
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>12,500</u>	<u>16,194</u>
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		<u>18,625</u>	<u>39,833</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(128,647)	(72,219)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		618,384	690,603
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	25	<u><u>489,737</u></u>	<u><u>618,384</u></u>

The notes on pages 21 to 41 form part of these accounts

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Principal accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2019) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity. Age UK Blackburn with Darwen meets the definition of a public entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

#### **Basis of Consolidation**

The Charity has one dormant subsidiary which is not material, see note 11 of the accounts. Therefore, these accounts are not consolidated accounts and comprise the accounts of the parent charitable company only.

#### **Investments in Joint Ventures**

Investments in joint ventures are included at cost.

#### **Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

#### **Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### **Gifts in kind and intangible income**

Equipment and other items are included in the financial statements at estimated market value of the item donated at the time of receipt. Rent-free accommodation and Non-Domestic Rate Relief on properties used by Age UK Blackburn with Darwen have been included in the financial statements at the estimated market value of the services donated. Items donated for resale are included in shop income when sold and no value is placed on stock at the year end. The value of services from volunteers has not been included in the financial statements.

#### **Grants**

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'reserve' grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and not deferred.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### **Donations and legacies, and other forms of voluntary income**

Donations and legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised in full in the Statements of Financial Activities when the receipt of income is considered probable and the amount receivable can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statements of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Support costs are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. time spent, floor areas, or estimated usage.

Staff costs are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities

#### **Restricted Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor or funder. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of support costs.

#### **Unrestricted funds**

Unrestricted funds represent income received or generated for the objects of the Charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

#### **Designated funds**

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

#### **Depreciation**

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation of fixed assets is charged by annual instalments commencing with the year of acquisition at rates estimated to write off their cost less any residual value over the expected useful lives, which are as follows:

Leasehold Improvements	10.62% - 25% Straight-line method over period of lease
Equipment	15% - 25% Straight-line method
Computers	33.3% Straight-line method
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance method

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated items of stock have not been included in the stock balance as, after careful consideration the Trustees' view is that the cost of obtaining this information is impractical and exceeds the benefits it will provide.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### 1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Resources expended

##### Operating leases

Leases in which the entity assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income as incurred.

##### Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and makes contributions under auto-enrolment requirements.

Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statements of Financial Activities.

##### Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

##### Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable activities.

##### Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the directors there are no critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation and uncertainty that require further disclosure, which are not explained elsewhere in the accounting policies.

##### Legal status of the Charity

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

##### Materiality

The majority of figures in this document have been rounded to the nearest £1. This means that there may be very minor inconsistencies between tables and notes, due to rounding adjustments.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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<b>2</b>	<b>Donations and legacies</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>
	Unrestricted Donations and legacies for the general use of the Charity	38,364	-	38,364
	Restricted donations			-
	- Supporting Independent Living	-	779	779
	- Advice, Information & Advocacy	-	-	-
	- Donated facilities and equipment including rate relief	-	20,717	20,717
		<u>38,364</u>	<u>21,496</u>	<u>59,860</u>

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

**Donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>
Unrestricted Donations and legacies for the general use of the Charity	20,738	88	20,826
Restricted donations			
- Supporting Independent Living	-	-	-
- Advice, Information & Advocacy	-	-	-
- Donated facilities and equipment including rate relief	-	15,916	15,916
	<u>20,738</u>	<u>16,004</u>	<u>36,742</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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<b>3</b>	<b>Supporting Independent Living</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>
	Contracts and Service Level Agreements:			
	Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	455,549	-	455,549
	Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS Living			
	Longer Better	-	-	-
	Grants:			
	Age UK			
	- Brand Partner	7,500	-	7,500
	'- UEC Insight Project	-	1,500	1,500
	- Walking Tennis	-	9,612	9,612
	-Winter Health	-	990	990
	Big Lottery Community Fund RC North West Region	-	71,514	71,514
	BwDBC Winter Wellbeing	-	-	-
	Delphi Medical Consultants Limited	17,500	-	17,500
	Dept of Transport	302	-	302
	Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB - VCFSE CMHT Grant Scheme	-	26,818	26,818
	Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB VCFSE Fall Prevention Grant	68,801	-	68,801
	Lancashire Mind	-	7,353	7,353
	Masonic Charitable Trust	-	8,020	8,020
	National lottery Community RC North West Region Stepping Out	-	18,154	18,154
	Regenerate and Inclusion North	995	-	995
	Sky Cares Community Grant	2,500	-	2,500
	Service Income	43,324	-	43,324

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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	596,471	143,961	740,432
<b>2024 COMPARATIVE</b>			
<i>Supporting Independent Living</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>2024 Total</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Contracts and Service Level Agreements:</i>			
<i>Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council</i>	520,020	-	520,020
<i>Lancashire &amp; South Cumbria ICS Living Longer Better</i>	10,000	-	10,000
<i>Grants:</i>			
<i>Age UK</i>			
- <i>Brand Partner</i>	10,000	-	10,000
- <i>Winter Health</i>	-	900	900
- <i>MCST</i>	-	13,212	13,212
- <i>Friends &amp; Family</i>	750	-	750
<i>Big Lottery Community Fund RC North West Region</i>	-	72,478	72,478
<i>BwDBC Mental Wellbeing</i>	8,000	-	8,000
<i>BwD BC Targeted Physical Activity</i>	8,740	-	8,740
<i>BwDBC Winter Pressure</i>	7,044	-	7,044
<i>BwDBC Winter Wellbeing</i>	9,520	-	9,520
<i>Dept of Transport</i>	1,106	-	1,106
<i>North Primary Care Network</i>	1,540	-	1,540
<i>Sky Cares Community Grant</i>	2,500	-	2,500
<i>Lancs &amp; South Cumbria ICB - VCFSE CMHT Grant Scheme</i>	16,571	-	16,571
<i>Lancashire Mind</i>	-	5,823	5,823
<i>Service Income</i>	47,707	-	47,707
	<b>643,498</b>	<b>92,413</b>	<b>735,911</b>

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<b>Advice, Information &amp; Advocacy</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>
Contracts and Service Level Agreements:			
- AgeUK Warm Homes Programme - EON and British Gas	-	40,718	40,718
Grants:			
Age UK		-	-
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000
BwDBC Finance & Welfare	18,000	-	18,000
BwDBC Household Support Scheme	19,920	-	19,920
BwDBC Pension Credit Campaign	5,000	-	5,000
The Eric Wright Charitable Trust	-	30,000	30,000
The Henry Smith Charity	-	32,174	32,174
Service Income	1,100	-	1,100
	<u>44,020</u>	<u>112,892</u>	<u>156,912</u>

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

<b>Advice, Information &amp; Advocacy</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2024 Total £</b>
Contracts and Service Level Agreements:			
- AgeUK Warm Homes Programme - EON	-	38,035	38,035
Grants:			
Age UK			
- Building Better Lives	-	5,571	5,571
- Cost of Living	-	40,000	40,000
The Henry Smith Charity	-	43,100	43,100
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000
The Eric Wright Charitable Trust	-	25,000	25,000
Jubilee Tower Credit Union	8,640	-	8,640
Service Income	1,100	-	1,100
	<u>9,740</u>	<u>161,706</u>	<u>171,446</u>

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**6 Expenditure on Charitable Activities**

	Supporting Independent Living £	Advice Information & Advocacy £	2025 Total £
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Staff Costs	485,934	129,757	615,691
Premises Costs	13,240	5,045	18,285
Office Costs	20,462	1,068	21,530
Vehicle Costs	20,885	-	20,885
Service Supplies	50,731	2,215	52,946
Professional Fees	2,878	1,298	4,176
Bank Charges	843	-	843
Depreciation	3,841	458	4,299
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	4,735	-	4,735
	<u>603,549</u>	<u>139,841</u>	<u>743,390</u>
<b>Support Costs (basis for allocation)</b>			
Staff Costs (time)	107,629	41,295	148,924
Premises (space)	43,153	6,122	49,275
Office (usage)	22,493	845	23,338
Professional Fees (usage)	6,594	1,831	8,425
Bank Charges (usage)	642	146	788
Governance costs	24,714	12,031	36,745
<b>Total Support Costs</b>	<u>205,225</u>	<u>62,270</u>	<u>267,495</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<u>808,774</u>	<u>202,111</u>	<u>1,010,885</u>

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**2024 COMPARATIVE**

*Expenditure on Charitable Activities*

	<i>Supporting Independent Living</i>	<i>Advice Information &amp; Advocacy</i>	<i>2024 Total</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
<i>Staff Costs</i>	508,414	130,205	638,619
<i>Premises Costs</i>	18,095	5,083	23,178
<i>Office Costs</i>	20,317	1,171	21,488
<i>Vehicle Costs</i>	21,665	-	21,665
<i>Service Supplies</i>	26,946	1,275	28,224
<i>Professional Fees</i>	5,733	1,377	7,110
<i>Bank Charges</i>	737	-	737
<i>Depreciation</i>	7,051	-	7,051
<b>Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets</b>	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>755</u>
	<u>609,716.00</u>	<u>139,111.00</u>	<u>748,827.00</u>
 <i>Support Costs (basis for allocation)</i>			
<i>Staff Costs (time)</i>	120,189	43,396	163,585
<i>Premises (space)</i>	42,292	6,143	48,435
<i>Office (usage)</i>	24,898	966	25,864
<i>Professional Fees (usage)</i>	6,594	1,831	8,425
<i>Bank Charges (usage)</i>	851	193	1,044
<b>Governance costs</b>	<u>24,361</u>	<u>11,999</u>	<u>36,360</u>
<b>Total Support Costs</b>	<u>219,185.00</u>	<u>64,528.00</u>	<u>283,713.00</u>
 <b>Total Costs</b>	<u>828,901.00</u>	<u>203,639.00</u>	<u>1,032,540.00</u>

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**7 Expenditure on Raising Funds**

	<b>Shop Operating Costs £</b>	<b>Fundraising £</b>	<b>2025 Total £</b>
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Staff Costs	47,073	10,670	57,743
Premises Costs	22,009	325	22,334
Office Costs	828	96	924
Service Supplies	379	1,394	1,773
Professional Fees	804	163	967
Bank charges	684	18	702
	<u>71,777</u>	<u>12,666</u>	<u>84,443</u>
<b>Support Costs (basis for allocation)</b>			
Staff Costs (time)	7,452	13	7,465
Premises (space)	2,069	235	2,304
Office (usage)	2,645	342	2,987
Service Supplies	-	-	-
Professional Fees (usage)	463	60	523
Bank charges (usage)	99	17	116
<b>Total Support Costs</b>	<u>12,728</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>13,395</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<u>84,505</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>97,838</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>			1,108,723



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**2024 COMPARATIVE**

*Expenditure on Raising Funds*

	<i>Shop Operating Costs</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>2024 Total</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>Direct Costs</b>			
Staff Costs	51,783	10,689	62,472
Premises Costs	22,975	-	22,975
Office Costs	1,178	-	1,178
Vehicle Costs			-
Service Supplies	1,582	1,073	2,655
Professional Fees	728	99	827
Bank charges	965	73	1,038
	<u>79,211</u>	<u>11,934</u>	<u>91,145</u>
<b>Support Costs (basis for allocation)</b>			
Staff Costs (time)	7,778	12	7,790
Premises (space)	2,071	240	2,311
Office (usage)	2,788	370	3,158
Service Supplies	-	-	-
Professional Fees (usage)	463	60	523
Bank charges (usage)	99	12	111
Depreciation	-	-	-
<b>Total Support Costs</b>	<u>13,199</u>	<u>694</u>	<u>13,893</u>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<u>92,410</u>	<u>12,628</u>	<u>105,038</u>

- 8 Support Costs**  
Some of the organisation's services operate

Support Staff Costs include the Chief

Governance costs, included within support

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**9a Net expenditure for the year**

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating leases - Land & Buildings	6,520	20,458
Operating leases - Equipment	12,982	14,277
Depreciation	4,299	7,052

**9b Auditors' remuneration**

Total resources expended includes Auditors'

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Audit services</b>		
Charity	8,400	8,400
	8,400	8,400

**10 Tangible fixed assets**

	Leasehold Improvements £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
Balance at 1 April 2024	42,899	139,164	16,194	198,257
Additions	-	-	12,500	12,500
Disposals	-	-	(16,194)	(16,194)
Balance at 31 March 2025	42,899	139,164	12,500	194,563
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Balance at 1 April 2024	42,899	138,248	3,711	184,858
Charge for the period	-	916	3,383	4,299
Eliminated on Disposal			(5,791)	(5,791)
Balance at 31 March 2025	42,899	139,164	1,303	183,366
<b>Net book value</b>				
31 March 2025	-	-	11,197	11,197
31 March 2024	-	916	12,483	13,399

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<b>11</b>	<b>Fixed Asset Investment</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Shares in AGE Uk Blackburn with Darwen Trading Ltd - at cost	2	2
	Investment in Joint Venture - CIC - at cost	6	6
	<b>Cost and Net Book Value at 31 March 2025</b>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

The Charity holds the whole of the issued

The aggregate of assets, liabilities and reserves is:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Assets	2	2
Total reserves	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The Charity hold 50% of the issued share

<b>12</b>	<b>Stocks</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>772</u>	<u>684</u>

<b>13</b>	<b>Debtors</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Grants receivable	75,627	31,138
	Tax recoverable including VAT	12,389	2,634
	Prepayments and accrued income	17,566	75,190
		<u>105,582</u>	<u>108,962</u>

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**14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Taxation including VAT	-	14,978
Accruals	38,394	104,329
Other Creditors	47,399	50,790
	<u>85,793</u>	<u>170,097</u>

**15 Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises grants received

	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>
Balance at 1 April 2024	50,790
Amount released to incoming resources	(50,790)
Amount deferred in period	47,399
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>47,399</u>

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

*Deferred income*

*Deferred income comprises grants received in*

	<b>Charity</b>
	<b>£</b>
<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>68,976</i>
<i>Amount released to incoming resources</i>	<i>(68,976)</i>
<i>Amount deferred in period</i>	<i>50,790</i>
<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i>	<u><i>50,790</i></u>

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16	Unrestricted funds	1 April 2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	31 March 2025 £
	Designated funds	164,573	-	-	3,691	168,264
	Undesignated funds	385,019	780,537	(845,030)	(3,691)	316,835
	Charity	<u>549,592</u>	<u>780,537</u>	<u>(845,030)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,099</u>

Funds are designated for the following purposes

	31 March 2025 £
<b>Name</b>	
Business Continuity & Development	<u>168,264</u>
<b>Purpose</b>	
To maintain essential core functions and services and support the upgrade of IT equipment	

2024		1 April 2023 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	31 March 2024 £
	Unrestricted funds					
	Designated funds	204,703	-	-	(40,130)	164,573
	Undesignated funds	382,155	795,843	(833,109)	40,130	385,019
	Charity	<u>586,858</u>	<u>795,843</u>	<u>(833,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>549,592</u>

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**17 Restricted funds**

Description of Fund	1 April 2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	31 March 2025 £
<b>ADVICE &amp; INFORMATION</b>					
Age UK					
- Warm Homes Programme - EON and British Gas	-	40,718	(40,718)	-	-
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Eric Wright Charitable Trust	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	-
The Henry Smith Charity	1,238	32,174	(33,412)	-	-
<b>SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT LIVING</b>					
Age UK					
- Walking Tennis	-	9,612	(8,488)	-	1,124
- Ageing Well Mutli Agency Funding	1,940	-	-	-	1,940
- Integrated Care	3,264	-	-	-	3,264
- UEC Insight Project	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
-Winter Health		990	(990)		-
Big Lottery Community Fund RC North West Region	1,242	71,514	(60,170)	-	12,586
Co-op Dementia Cinema	2,387	-	(396)	-	1,991
Lancashire Mind	-	7,353	(7,353)	-	-
Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB - VCFSE CMHT Grant Scheme		26,818	(26,818)		-
Masonic Charitable Trust	-	8,020	(4,132)	-	3,888
Morrison's Community Fund	9,620	-	-	-	9,620
National Lottery Community RC North West Region Stepping Out	-	18,154	(18,154)		-
Swim England	557	-	-	-	557
WG Edwards	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Donations	-	779	(845)	-	(66)
Donated facilities & equipment	-	20,717	(20,717)	-	-
<b>Restricted funds - Charity</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>278,349</b>	<b>(263,693)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,404</b>

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*Restricted funds*

	<b>1 April 2023</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>31 March 2024</b>
<b>Description of Fund</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ADVICE &amp; INFORMATION</b>					
Age UK					
- Warm Homes Programme - EON	-	38,123	(38,123)	-	-
- Building Better Lives	-	5,571	(5,571)	-	-
- Cost of Living	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Eric Wright Charitable Trust	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	43,100	(41,862)	-	1,238
<b>SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT LIVING</b>					
<b>Active Ageing</b>					
Age UK					
- MCST	3,078	13,212	(16,290)	-	-
- Winter Health	-	900	(900)	-	-
- Ageing Well Mutli Agency Funding	1,940	-	-	-	1,940
Region	-	72,478	(71,236)	-	1,242
Darwen Town Council	667	-	(667)	-	-
Swim England	557	-	-	-	557
WG Edwards	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Co-op Dementia Cinema	2,387	-	-	-	2,387
Asda Community Fund	81	-	(81)	-	-
Morrisons Community Fund	9,620	-	-	-	9,620
Garfield Weston	33,000	-	(33,000)	-	-
<b>Social Inclusion</b>					
Lancashire Mind	-	5,823	(5,823)	-	-
<b>Integrated Care</b>					
Age UK	3,264	-	-	-	3,264
Donated facilities & equipment	-	15,916	(15,916)	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Restricted funds - Charity</b>	<b>56,094</b>	<b>270,123</b>	<b>(304,469)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,748</b>

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**Information regarding employees and trustees**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Average number of employees in the period		
- Full time employees	16	16
- Part time employees	15	16
Average number of employees	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>
The full time equivalent of the part time staff is	10.61	11.49
Staff costs comprise:	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
- Wages and salaries	747,024	759,089
- Social security costs	58,441	59,896
- Recruitment	-	-
- Pension contributions	55,052	54,893
	<u>860,517</u>	<u>873,878</u>

No employees had emoluments (excluding employer pension contributions) in excess of £60,000 in the current or previous years.

The charity purchased insurance costing £350 (2024: £1,043) to protect itself from loss arising from neglect or default of its Trustees and to indemnify the Trustees against the consequence of neglect or default on their part.

Key management personnel of the Charity comprised the Trustees and the Chief Executive of the Charity. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £55,623 (2024: £55,623) in addition employer pension contributions with the salary exchange scheme of £4,625 (2024: £4,625) were paid in respect of their services. There was no remuneration or expenses paid to Trustees.

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**Pension costs**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and makes contributions under auto-enrolment requirements. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents the contributions payable by the charity to the fund using the salary exchange scheme for eligible employees. The charge for the year is £55,052 (2024 : £54,892).



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**Analysis of Charity assets and liabilities between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Undesignated Funds</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible fixed assets	-	11,197	-	11,197
Current assets:		-		
- Investment in joint venture	-	8	-	8
- Stocks	-	773	-	773
- Debtors	-	93,698	2,160	95,858
- Cash at bank and in hand	168,264	258,251	63,222	489,737
Creditors	-	(73,226)	(2,844)	(76,070)
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,264</b>	<b>290,701</b>	<b>62,538</b>	<b>521,503</b>

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

**Analysis of assets and liabilities between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Undesignated Funds</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible fixed assets	-	13,399	-	13,399
Current assets:				
- Investment in joint venture	-	8	-	8
- Stocks	-	684	-	684
- Debtors	-	108,952	10	108,962
- Cash at bank and in hand	201,173	359,502	57,709	618,384
Creditors	-	(134,126)	(35,971)	(170,097)
<b>Total</b>	<b>201,173</b>	<b>348,419</b>	<b>21,748</b>	<b>571,340</b>

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**Changes in resources available for charity use**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Undesignated Funds</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net movement in funds for the period	(32,909)	(31,584)	14,656	(49,837)
Net increase in tangible assets	-	(2,202)	-	(2,202)
Net movement in funds available for future activities	(32,909)	(33,786)	14,656	(52,039)

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

**Changes in resources available for charity use**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Undesignated Funds</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net movement in funds for the period	(40,130)	2,864	(34,346)	(71,612)
Net decrease in tangible assets	8,388	-	-	8,388
Net movement in funds available for future activities	(31,742)	2,864	(34,346)	(63,224)

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**Financial commitments and operating leases**

At 31 March 2025 there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	<b>Land &amp; Buildings</b>		<b>Other Assets</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	6,520	20,458	12,982	13,206
Within two to five years	7,600	-	5,876	12,311
	14,120	20,458	18,858	25,517

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**Related Party Transactions**

There were donations, including gift aid, made by the Trustees of £100 (2024: £129)

The Charity holds 50% of the issued share capital of Age UK Greater Lancashire CIC, a company registered in England & Wales. Its principal activity is the delivery of contracts and services across the whole of the county of Lancashire. The Charity did not receive any income in 24/25 as the project had come to an end.

There were no other related party transactions during the current or previous year

During the reporting period, the Care Network (Blackburn with Darwen) Ltd received funding amounting to £25,460 from Age UK Blackburn with Darwen in support of the Darwen Falls project. Vicky Shepherd, the Chief Executive of Age UK Blackburn with Darwen also serves as a trustee Care Network (Blackburn with Darwen) Ltd.

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**Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Charity 2025 £</b>	<b>Charity 2024 £</b>
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(49,837)	(71,612)
	-	-
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	4,299	7,051
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	4,735	755
Bank interest	(6,125)	(23,639)
Decrease in stocks	(632)	141
Decrease in debtors	3,380	(71,227)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(84,303)	78,867
<b>Net cash used by operating activities</b>	<u>(128,483)</u>	<u>(79,664)</u>

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**Analysis of net funds**

	<b>1 April 2024 £</b>	<b>Cash Flow £</b>	<b>31 March 2025 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	618,384	(128,647)	489,737

**2024 COMPARATIVE**

**Analysis of net funds**

	<b>1 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Cash Flow £</b>	<b>31 March 2024 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	690,603	(72,219)	618,384

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**Government Grants - Charity Funder**

	<b>Description/Nature</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Department of Transport	Day Services transport provision	302	1,106

The Charity has also benefited from other forms of local government assistance. There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to grants recognised in income.

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Appendix 1

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COVERING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31 March 2025	Total Funds 31 March 2024
INCOME	£	£	£	£
<b>Contracts &amp; Service Level Agreements</b>				
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	455,549	-	455,549	520,020
Age UK Warm Homes Programme -Eon and British Gas	-	40,718	40,718	38,035
Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS Living Longer Better	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>455,549</u>	<u>40,718</u>	<u>496,267</u>	<u>568,055</u>
<b>Grants</b>				
Age UK				
- Brand Partner	7,500	-	7,500	10,000
- Building Better Lives	-	-	-	5,571
- Cost of Living	-	-	-	40,000
- Friends & Family	-	-	-	750
- MCST	-	-	-	13,212
- Winter Health	-	990	990	900
- UEC Insight Project	-	1,500	1,500	-
- Walking Tennis	-	9,612	9,612	-
Big Lottery Community Fund RC North West Region	-	71,514	71,514	72,478
Brian Mercer Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
BwDBC Targeted Physical Activity	-	-	-	8,740
BwDBC Finance & Welfare	18,000	-	18,000	-
BwDBC Household Support Scheme	19,920	-	19,920	-
BwDBC Mental Wellbeing	-	-	-	8,000
BwDBC Pension Credit Campaign	5,000	-	5,000	-
BwDBC Winter Pressure	-	-	-	7,044
BwDBC Winter Wellbeing	-	-	-	9,520
Delphi Medical Consultants Limited	17,500	-	17,500	-
Dept of Transport	302	-	302	1,106
Jubilee Tower Credit Union	-	-	-	8,640
Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB - VCFSE CMHT Grant Scheme	-	26,818	26,818	16,571
Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB VCFSE Fall Prevention grant	68,801	-	68,801	-
Lancashire Mind	-	7,353	7,353	5,823
Masonic Charitable Trust	-	8,020	8,020	-
National Lottery Community Fund RC Northwest Region Stepping Out	-	18,154	18,154	-
North Primary Care Network	-	-	-	1,540
Regenerate and Inclusion North	995	-	995	-
Sky Cares Community Grant	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
The Eric Wright Charitable Trust	-	30,000	30,000	25,000
The Henry Smith Charity	-	32,174	32,174	43,100
	<u>140,518</u>	<u>216,135</u>	<u>356,653</u>	<u>290,495</u>
<b>Donations and fundraising</b>				
Miscellaneous donations	15,453	779	16,232	20,426
Legacies	22,911	-	22,911	400
Donated facilities & equipment	-	20,717	20,717	15,916
Fundraising activities & events	13,631	-	13,631	12,168
Sale of goods	73,070	-	73,070	71,517
Gift Aid Administration Fee	206	-	206	153
	<u>125,271</u>	<u>21,496</u>	<u>146,767</u>	<u>120,580</u>
<b>Service income</b>				
Service charges	44,424	-	44,424	48,807
	<u>44,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,424</u>	<u>48,807</u>
<b>Other income</b>				
Bank and building society interest	6,125	-	6,125	23,639
Other	8,650	-	8,650	14,390
	<u>14,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,775</u>	<u>38,029</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>780,537</u>	<u>278,349</u>	<u>1,058,886</u>	<u>1,065,966</u>

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Appendix 2

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COVERING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31 March 2025	Total Funds 31 March 2024
EXPENDITURE	£	£	£	£
Wages, salaries and staff recruitment	631,422	208,528	839,950	857,358
Rent, rates & insurance	31,473	23,968	55,441	56,008
Heat and light	24,272	3,818	28,090	27,434
Repairs, renewals & alterations	5,900	5,766	11,666	13,457
Printing, stationery & office expenses	33,468	7,112	40,580	52,112
Post & telephone	11,793	3,811	15,604	33,583
Travel	5,968	2,602	8,570	8,030
Service supplies	21,791	3,368	25,159	30,879
Volunteers expenses	1,730	921	2,651	2,367
Advertising, promotion & events	595	-	595	166
Training & conferences	3,637	760	4,397	4,798
Vehicle expenditure	20,885	-	20,885	21,665
Audit fee	6,446	1,580	8,026	8,087
Professional fees	4,900	1,165	6,065	8,798
Bank charges	2,156	294	2,450	2,930
Provision for depreciation	4,299	-	4,299	7,052
Loss on disposal of fixed asset	4,735	-	4,735	754
Fees to Voluntary Organisations	29,560	-	29,560	2,100
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>845,030</b>	<b>263,693</b>	<b>1,108,723</b>	<b>1,137,578</b>
Deficit of income over expenditure for the year transferred to balance sheet	<b>(64,493)</b>	<b>14,656</b>	<b>(49,837)</b>	<b>(71,612)</b>